

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully traverses the restriction requirement of claims 1-46 as being drawn to eight distinct inventions. Applicant thanks Examiner McKelvey for the telephone conversation on January 7, 2005, regarding the Preliminary Amendment filed concurrently with the Application on October 1, 2003. The Preliminary Amendment canceled claims 1-51 and added new claims 52-57. Consequently, the only pending claims are 52-57, and the Examiner has agreed that the claims are not subject to restriction. Consequently, Applicant submits that these remarks are considered to be fully responsive to the Restriction Requirement dated December 12, 2004, as there are no groups of currently pending claims from which to elect. Withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative if there are any questions relating to this application. Please charge any additional fees, or make any credits, to Deposit Account No. 07-1896.

Respectfully submitted,

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